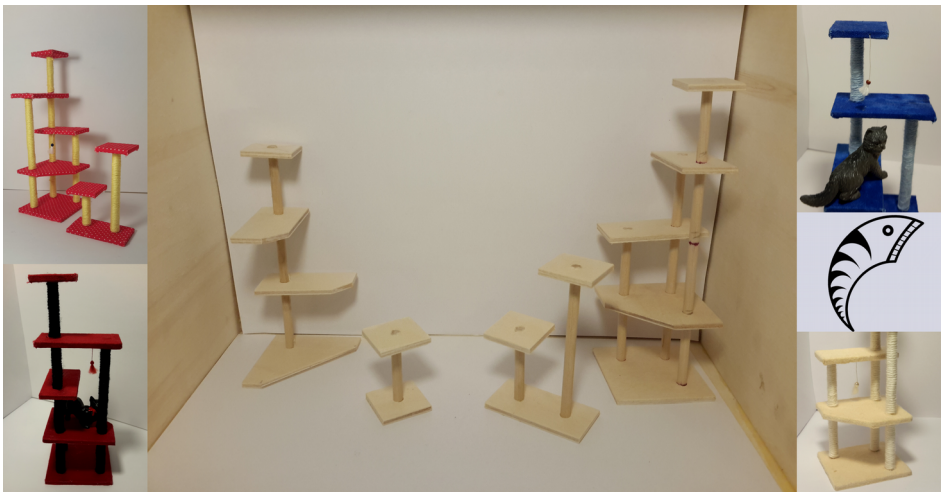

Modular Cat Tree

For Dollhouses

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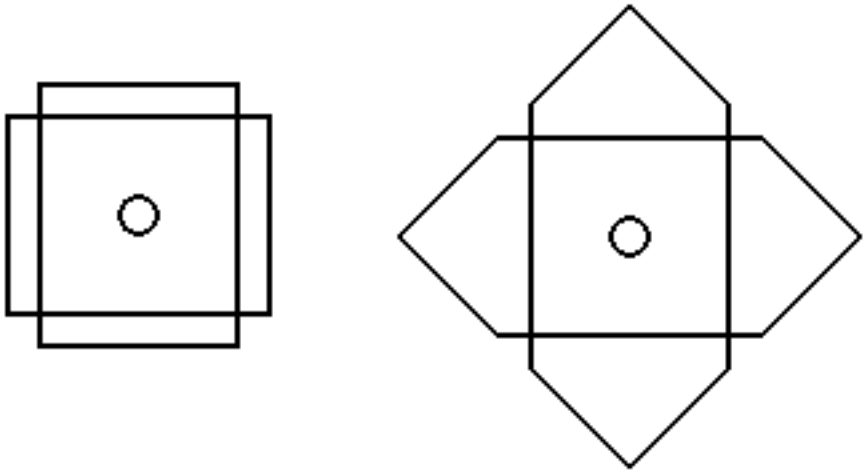
Tools needed:

- Glue
- Square
- Cutters and or scissors
- Toothpick for spreading the glue
- Crochet hook or tapestry needle

Materials needed:

- Your choice of cloth and yarn. *(Cotton yarn looks the best for wrapping the poles)*

Instructions:

1. Before beginning, put the pieces together without any gluing in any design you choose. This way you can experiment with the many ways these can be constructed.
2. Using the provided patterns, cut out the fabric for the platforms.
3. Using a toothpick, spread the glue evenly and lightly over the top of a platform, and press the cloth into position, and smooth it out. Repeat until all the platforms are finished. Let stand until the glue hardens.
4. Once the glue has hardened, take a sharp knife and pierce the holes from the backside where poles will go through. Then push a pole from the underside through to ensure the holes are well opened. ***Note: Do not pierce the holes where the poles will not go all the way through.***
5. Fold the fabric around and using the scissors, cut where the poles would go through. Then finish gluing the cloth to all of the platforms, spreading and smoothing each as you go. Let harden. *Note: Use the poles to aid in keeping the cloth from covering the holes. Remove the poles as soon as possible to keep them from being glued in place.*
6. Cut any excess cloth from the base, and around where the poles will go through. *Note: Use the poles to help hold the pieces and to help cutting the cloth around them.*
7. Starting with the base, and moving upwards. Start gluing the poles to the platforms. After everything is put together, then use the square tool to square the cat tree and level the platforms out. Let harden completely.
8. Using the crochet hook or tapestry needle, start threading the yarn around each pole. When there is about 1/4 inch of pole remaining, place a little glue around the upper part and finish wrapping the yarn around. Tie off.
9. Using the toothpick and glue, go over the unit and touch up any fabric that might be loose.